

BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER

AGENDA REVIEW	05/16/12
BOARD MEETING	05/29/12
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	All Supervisorial Districts
DEPARTMENT	Mental Health
SUBJECT	Request authorization to execute the Participation Agreement with California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA), governed by the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, to participate in funding of the Multiyear Regional Data Workgroup Program.
PROGRAM	Will authorize the Department to fund a Participation Agreement with CalMHSA for training and technical assistance on enhancing data quality through the facilitation of data workgroups in each region of California. Los Angeles is among several counties who are contributing to this technical assistance statewide project.
DEADLINES	None
COST & FUNDING	The Participation Agreement is fully funded by State Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) revenue for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12, FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14 in the amount of \$35,000, \$300,000 and \$300,000, respectively.
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	Approval to execute the Participation Agreement with CalMHSA.
SUMMARY/ ISSUES (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)	<p>CalMHSA, governed by the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, for the purposes of strengthening county capacity to formulate and conduct outcome evaluations and to use appropriate data and analytic techniques to inform decision-making, enhance service quality, and create a statewide approach to improving data quality, outcome reporting and improving service quality.</p> <p>Approval of the recommended action will authorize the Department to fund CalMHSA through the Participation Agreement for training and technical assistance on enhancing data quality through the facilitation of data workgroups in each region of California. These workgroups will provide a venue for counties to learn from each other and from evaluation specialists on how to improve data quality, develop reports and manage data and reports for purposes of enhancing service quality and to create a statewide approach to outcome reporting and improving service quality. Los Angeles County is among several counties who are contributing to this technical assistance statewide project.</p> <p>On May 11, 2010, your Board authorized the Director to sign the CalMHSA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement and to serve on its board and act as the representative of the County for the purpose of jointly developing and funding mental health services and education programs on a statewide, region, or local basis. Implementation of statewide PEI projects through the CalMHSA will provide the County with an alternative to assigning PEI Statewide Project Funds to the State and will facilitate efficiencies through joint action with participating counties.</p>
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